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TOOL FOR GENERATING A RE-GENERATIVE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter thereto the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 2-3, 5, 7-13, 18-19, 21-24, 28-29, and 31-33, as follows:

2. (Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said SBE generation tool comprises:

a random instruction test generator (RIT-G) composer to receive the user directives and the instruction information and generate a compact RIT-G code;

a test execution directive composer to receive the user directives and the device constraints and create a run time environment to enable the re-generative functional test to repeatedly generate functional tests and execute generated tests on-board the complex device

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